

Welcome to Our Lady of Charity

Our Parish is happy that you have decided to make us your spiritual home. We hope that you feel welcome and at home as we journey together with Jesus.

In this registration packet you will find information that we need to fully register you in the parish. As part of registering in the parish, that means you want to be an integral part in all we do. A parish doesn't survive simply on prayer, but also on the gifts and talents of her members. Each of us is afforded different spiritual gifts and graces through the Holy Spirit that we are to share. (1 Cor. 12: 4—11) Up until today, our parish has been lacking the gift you uniquely bring to our parish. Take some time to pray over the gifts that you have been given to share with our parish community.

Please complete as much as possible the information inside. We look forward to assisting you in your Spiritual life. If there is anything else we can do to help you in being a Disciple of Jesus, please do not hesitate to contact us.

God Bless You, Keep Smiling :)

Fr. Bryan Zielenieski, Administrator



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Special points of interest

- We are so excited you're joining us!
- Our family does have ways we need your help, we hope you'll seriously consider them.
- You will receive a follow-up phone call to talk about how you're doing and to see if you have any questions.



Basic Registration Information

Your Name: _____

Address: _____
Street Apt./No.

_____ City State Zip

Date of Birth _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Are you baptized? Yes or No (circle)

If so where? _____
Parish Name City State Year of Baptism

Did you receive First Communion? Yes or No (circle)

If so where? _____
Parish Name City State Year of Communion

Are you Confirmed? Yes or No (circle)

If so where? _____
Parish Name City State Year of Confirmation

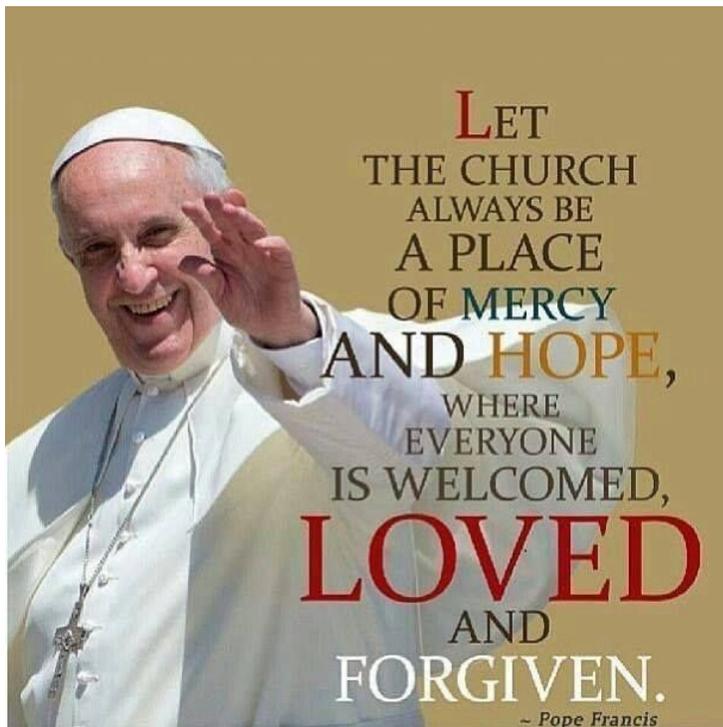
Are you married? Yes or No (circle)

If so where? _____
Parish Name City State Year of Marriage

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Other Members of your Family:

Spouse Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____



So, you're becoming a part of our family. We have been waiting for you!

As St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians states, we all have gifts and talents that have been given to us by God, to be shared for the building up of God's kingdom.

By becoming a member of our parish family, we are asking you to seriously pray, and consider what gifts God has given you, that you can share with this parish community in which you will now worship.

Please use the guide on the right of this page to help assist you in discerning what areas you might be able to utilize your gifts.

Consider your gifts

Could you...

(circle what interests you)

Help with Mass?

Help teach our faith in our Discipleship Program?

Visit the sick?

Work with youth ministry?

Help with hospitality?

Volunteer in the office?

Help with our gardens?

Help those who have lost a loved one?

Participate in our Greeter ministry?

Share your musical talent?

Other? _____

Financial Support of Our Lady of Charity Parish

Financial Donation

For a parish to operate in today's day and age, the support of her parishioners is essential. Our parish cannot operate without your financial contributions. Therefore, we ask you to seriously consider what you as a family can contribute to help us bring about God's kingdom here in South Buffalo through Our Lady of Charity Parish.

Electronic giving is an option that now meets the needs of today's givers. If you would like information on electronic giving please check here.

_____ Please call me to sign up for electronic giving.

Tithing? Is it Catholic?

Why does the Church often refer to tithing as "giving back?"

Throughout sacred scripture God tells us that everything belongs to God. He made the world and all that is in it. He made us and blessed us with absolutely every gift we have. Our lives, our families, our health, our education, our unique talents and skills, our job and our income are all blessings from God, entrusted into our

care for the good of all peoples. Thus, when we tithe we are really only giving back 10% of something that ultimately belongs to God anyway. The amazing thing is that our God is a generous and abundant God who lets us keep and enjoy 90% of all His blessings.

"The Lord's are the earth and its fullness: the world and those who dwell in it." - Psalm 24:1

Tithing is such a great sacrifice? Are there any real benefits?

In addition to the fact that you are following God's will and providing your Church with the resources it needs to carry out the work of Jesus Christ here on earth, those who embrace tithing report that this approach has numerous benefits. The satisfaction that comes from gratefully sharing your blessings is tremendous.

- *When you take a hard look at your spending and plan to make God first in your budget you quickly begin to realize the difference between what you need and what you want.*
- *You begin to eliminate the endless clutter of material wants from your life and start to more fully appreciate the many blessings that you already have.*
- *You realize that commercialism works to convince us that we never have enough of the right things, even though God has already blessed you with all that you need.*
- *You stop being "consumed by consumerism" and "possessed by your possessions" and begin to slow down and prioritize not only how you spend your money but also how you spend your time.*
- *Once you stop trying to satisfy yourself with material possessions and spending, you may even find that you enjoy simple pleasures more fully – especially time to deepen your relationships with God, with loved ones and with your community.*

Ultimately, those who tithe often feel that the practice brings more joy, more peace, more contentment and more balance to their lives.

Our Parish's Financial Accountability to you

Our Lady of Charity Parish takes seriously the sacrificial giving of your family to support our parish and the work that we accomplish here. Please know of the following ways in which we make sure we are being fiscally responsible.

- 1. All finance operations are monitored by our parish Finance Council, which consists of 12 members who are professionally involved in the finance world through their employment and review all income statements and spending at least quarterly and more often if needed.*
- 2. An annual finance report is submitted each year to the Diocese for their review.*
- 3. A parish financial statement and report is given to the parish during the month of November so the parish family can see how the parish is utilizing their donations.*
- 4. Any spending on facilities, buildings and grounds, or any amount over \$10,000 requires approval by our finance committee, trustees, as well as the Pastor.*
- 5. A financial statement of your donations is given to you at the completion of the calendar year for your records and tax purposes if you request it.*

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return to measured out to you." - Luke 6:38



All are welcome to
grow!

All parishioners are welcome to grow in their faith and become more empowered disciples through our Discipleship Training Programs. If you have children, be sure that they are part of the training that will give them a foundation for their faith in the future.

Discipleship

Each of us are called to be a disciple of Jesus. Being a disciple means that I am a follower of Jesus, the one who came to show us the way to heaven.

We believe at Our Lady of Charity Parish that we can help you become a more informed, prayerful and intentional disciple. We can accompany and assist you on your way to heaven through Mass, our Disciples in Training Program and other various ways of deepening faith.

Please join us as we journey toward our ultimate goal together!

A parish representative will be calling to follow-up with you. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call (716) 822—5962.

You are always welcome here!

Our Lady of Charity
Parish

Parish Office:
65 Ridgewood Rd.
Buffalo, NY 14220

2 convenient locations:

65 Ridgewood Rd.
(Between S.Park/McKinley)
Buffalo 14220

1901 South Park
Ave., (Corner of Tiffit)
Buffalo 14220

Mass Times at this
this location:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:15 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Mass Times at
location:

Sunday

8:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.